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16. (Internal Use Only - PLC) Called Paul Summitt, Deputy Chief Counsel, Subcommittee on Criminal Laws and Procedures, Senate Judiciary Committee, to clear with him a proposed letter from the Director to Senator John L. McClellan (D., Ark.) as Chairman of our Intelligence Subcommittee, Senate Appropriations Committee, setting forth our problems with S. 2543, which amends the Freedom of Information Act. Among other things, it overrules the court decision in the Patsy Mink case to provide greater access to Government information. Summitt felt this was excellent and suggested that the letter be given to Senator McClellan as soon as possible since the Judiciary Committee might act on the bill at any time. I informed Summitt that we would also clear the letter with Jim Calloway, Senate Appropriations Committee staff. Later in the day, Summitt called to inform us that the bill was discussed at the meeting of the Judiciary Committee this afternoon. It will come up for consideration next week, possibly Tuesday. He suggested that we check with Doug Marvin on Senator Roman L. Hruska's (R., Nebr.) staff. He is working with Kennedy's staff man on amendments to the proposed bill by the Administration and the Agency should be sure that it is covered.

17. (Internal Use Only - PLC) George Gilbert, OMB, called in response to our earlier call as to whether OMB had formulated any position on H. Con. Res. 461. The bill expresses the sense of Congress that during the period of impeachment, the DCI and the Secretaries of State and Defense should provide periodic briefings to the Vice President and the leadership in the Congress. I informed Gilbert that Chairman Thomas E. Morgan (D., Pa.), House Foreign Affairs Committee, is requesting our comments, as well as comments from State and Defense. According to Gilbert, OMB has no position on the bill. He agreed with our approach to express willingness to participate in any briefing program which is mutually satisfactory to the Executive and Legislative Branches. STATINTL

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